Offices—salary above Rs. 200.

77. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of offices whose salary is above Rs. 200 which are now filled by acting hands;

(b) of these offices how many are permanent vacancies;

(c) how long is it since these permanent vacancies occurred?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—A statement containing the information is appended. (*Appendix VIII*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, on what tenure, whether on probation, sub-pro-tem or acting, is the present incumbent in the post of the Superintendent of Agriculture, working now?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—There is no distinction now between sub-pro-tem and acting.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What sort of filling up is to be entered against the Superintendent of Agriculture?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It is simply noted as officiating.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—(c) It is given in appendix VIII that the post of the Additional District and Sessions Judge of Anjikaimal has been left vacant from 15th Meenam 1104. May I know why these acting arrangements are kept on for 3 years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The only thing is that Government could not confirm it earlier. There is no special reason.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Does not the Government think that it is undesirable that the acting arrangements are being continued for a longer period than 3 years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Permanent arrangements should be made as early as possible.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Was it because that suitable hands were not available for permanent employment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to see that these acting arrangements do not continue for long?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—How many years' experience has the present Superintendent of Agriculture in the Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For 12 years.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what stands in the way of the Government in making him permanent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The only thing is that it is an important appointment and they are just considering the question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—We have filled up the place with a gentleman who was in the service for 20 years and why is it that he is not made permanent the moment the post has fallen permanently vacant?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I can only repeat that the question is being considered.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is he not a fully qualified man?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't know what the Member means by a fully qualified man?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is he not competent to occupy the post of the Superintendent of Agriculture?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does he not possess the qualifications prescribed by the Government to occupy the post of the Superintendent of Agriculture?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has got all the necessary qualifications.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Has the Government any idea of appointing a foreigner in the post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not at present.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to the Conservator of Forests, was he not the Assistant Conservator of Forests prior to his appointment to the present place?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—For how many years? Approximately only.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For about 10 to 12 years.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is not the present incumbent one who was trained in foreign countries at Government cost?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How long is it since we began to have an acting District Magistrate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—About five years.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government consider the feasibility of having a permanent hand in the important office of the District Magistrate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

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APPENDIX VIII.

(Vide answer to Question No. 77)

Names of offices on a pay exceeding Rs. 200 filled by acting hands	Whether permanently vacant	Date of the permanent vacancy
Land Revenue Department.		
1 Diwan Peishkar ..	No.	
2 Tahsildar, Trichur ..	No.	
3 do Talappilli ..	No.	
Agriculture.		
4 Superintendent of Agriculture ..	Yes.	13— 5—1107
Excise.		
5 Excise Commissioner ..	No.	
Forests.		
6 Conservator of Forests ..	Yes.	9— 9—1107 (the post is filled up by one on probation)
7 Assistant Conservator of Forests ..	No.	
Registration.		
8 Superintendent of Registration ..	Yes.	17— 1—1106
General Administration.		
9 Diwan ..	No.	
10 Assistant Secretary to the Diwan ...	Yes.	7— 3—1108. But the post is filled up by one on probation
Accounts and Finance.		
11 Comptroller of Accounts ..	Yes.	14— 1—1108
12 Assistant Comptroller ...	No.	
Law and Justice.		
13 Additional District Sessions Judge of Anjikaimal ..	Yes.	15— 8—1104
14 Registrar of Chief Court ..	No.	
15 District Munsiff (Trichur)..	No.	
16 do (Vadakkancheri) ..	No.	

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	Names of offices on a pay exceeding Rs. 200 filled by acting hands	Whether permanently vacant	Date of permanent vacancy
	Law and Justice.— *cont.*		
17	District Munsiff (Cochin) ..	No.	
18	Additional do ..		Suspended temporarily for one year from 1— 1— 1108
19	District Magistrate ..	No.	
	Police.		
20	Commissioner of Police ..	Yes.	3— 1—1104
	Education.		
21	Inspector of Schools, Southern Division ..	No.	
22	Professor of English, Maharaja's College ...	No.	
	Public Works.		
23	Chief Engineer ..	No.	
24	Assistant Engineer, Eastern Division ..	No.	
25	do Southern Division ..	No.	

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